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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with PAUL C. LEWIS on February 12, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Title:

The Title has been changed to: --METHOD FOR APPLYING VISCOUS MEDIUM ON A SUBSTRATE--.

In the Claims:

"additional solder" (claim 19, line 5 and claim 20, line 6) has been changed to: --additional amount of solder--.

", 19, 20, 39 or 41" (claim 43, line 1) has been deleted.

"claims 1, 19, 20, 39 or 41" (claim 43, line 1) has been changed to: --claim 1--.

Claims 45-52 have been added as following:

45. (new) The method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of mounting electronic components on the substrate.

46. (new) The method according to claim 20, further comprising the step of mounting electronic components on the substrate.

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47. (new) The method according to claim 39, further comprising the step of mounting electronic components on the substrate.

48. (new) The method according to claim 41, further comprising the step of mounting electronic components on the substrate.

49. (new) The method according to claim 19, wherein at least some of said jetting is performed onto positions on the screen printed substrate already provided with viscous medium through said screen printing.

50. (new) The method according to claim 20, wherein at least some of said jetting is performed onto positions on the screen printed substrate already provided with viscous medium through said screen printing.

51. (new) The method according to claim 39, wherein at least some of said jetting is performed onto positions on the screen printed substrate already provided with viscous medium through said screen printing.

52. (new) The method according to claim 41, wherein at least some of said jetting is performed onto positions on the screen printed substrate already provided with viscous medium through said screen printing.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art references fail to teach or suggest a method of applying viscous medium on a substrate including "jetting additional amount of solder paste to the substrate that has been screen printed with viscous medium, wherein the additional amount of solder paste or locations which the solder

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paste is jetted thereon has been determined before the screen printing the viscous medium to the substrate” in combination with other limitations as recited in claim 1, 19, 20, 39 and 41.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DONGHAI D. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-4566. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Derris H. Banks can be reached on (571)-272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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